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PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 23, 1953

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, APRIL 23, 1953.

Place: Office of the Director of Central Intelligence.

Present: Messrs. Jackson, Smith, Dulles and Morgan.

Agenda Item 1. The reaction to the President's speech was discussed, and it was suggested that the Tass account highlighted the disarmament paragraphs with a view to subsequent Soviet exploitation. The vividness of some reported Satellite reactions, notably in Hungary, was commented on and the Working Group (Stalin) was asked to study possible exploitation. General Smith described matters which the Department of State has underway as a follow-up on the President's speech.

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Agenda Item 3. With reference to the expected food shortages in Hungary, some of the pros and cons relevant to possible offers of relief were discussed and I was asked to undertake appropriate staff consultations on the matter.

Agenda Item 4.

Communist manipulation of the returning POWs in Korea was discussed and it was agreed that Mr. Jackson would get in touch with Mr. Godel for Mr. Kyes on certain aspects of the problem and would also undertake to secure appropriate publicity.

Possible psychological advantages to be gained in connection with the President's request for an emergency immigration act were discussed and Mr. Jackson agreed to follow up.

With reference to the East German Youth problem, General Smith said that Mr. Conant and others recommended that no further burdens be put on the Federal Republic in this connection at least until after the elections. It was suggested, however, that the President's request on immigration be studied with this problem also in mind.


George A. Morgan
Acting Director.

NSC review(s) completed.

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